

**IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

_____ day _____, 2012

PRESENT: Supervisors

ABSENT:

**RESOLUTION NO.
RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE PECHO RANCH & STOCK COMPANY ON THEIR
100TH ANNIVERSARY OF INCORPORATION**

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

WHEREAS, the Pecho Ranch & Stock Company was formed by A.B. Spooner II and his sons on June 19, 1912 for ranching, dairying and farming on 9,000 acres called the Pecho Ranch, originally part of the historic land grants Ranchos Canada de los Osos y Pecho y Islay, owned by Captain John Wilson, and now part of Montana de Oro State Park; and

WHEREAS, the Spooner Family was a prominent pioneer family in San Luis Obispo County who conducted significant dairy, ranching and farm operations including many innovative technologies of the time such as the construction of a reservoir on Islay Creek to turn a 24 foot water wheel to power the cream separator and churn in their creamery for butter making; being the first farmer in the County to own a gas powered bulldozer; and creating a landing with a loading chute through the bluff rock on the headlands of Point Buchon to load ranch products on coastal steamers; and

WHEREAS, the Spooner Ranch House and Creamery are some of the last standing buildings representing the history of California coastal ranching and farming and as such, are being preserved by the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Central Coast State Parks Association and through generous donations of the Hind Foundation, the Swift Foundation and philanthropist Joan Sargen; and

WHEREAS, California State Parks, Docents and Central Coast State Parks Association provide educational and interpretive programs to teach new generations about the history of the Pecho Coast exhibits, living history and the annual Pecho Ranch Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors, County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, does hereby recognize the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the Pecho Ranch & Stock Company and encourages citizens of our county and state, as well as our national and international visitors to visit the Spooner Ranch House at Montana de Oro State Park and learn about the history of coastal dairy and ranch operations.

Upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:
NOES:

ABSENT:

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

Chairperson, Board of Supervisor

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy Clerk